

**May 21st, 2024
6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers/Zoom**

The University of Alberta and the University of Alberta Students' Union occupy Indigenous land in amiskwaciwâskahikan (Beaver Hills House), on Treaty 6 territory. From time immemorial, the banks along the river valley have been known as the Pehonan, a meeting place for the nêhiyawak (Cree), the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Dènesųłiné (Dene), Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and others. The University, the Students' Union and much of the city are located on the unlawfully stolen land of the forcibly removed Papaschase Cree.

We acknowledge that sharing this land gives each of us the responsibility to research the historic contexts of Treaty 6, to reflect on our personal relationships to the land, the Nations we've named, and to our roles in upholding justice on this territory. Since they began, the Students' Union and the University have benefited from historic and ongoing dispossession of land and resources from Indigenous Peoples. As a result, it is our responsibility to seek the restitution of this land and its resources. Finally, we seek to do better by working to make our learning, research, and governance align with the histories, languages, teachings, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Peoples in the land presently occupied by the Canadian state.

We encourage critical reflection by asking the following question. In relation to the territory on which you are situated, what role do you play in strengthening the resistance and resurgence of Indigenous students within your communities?

LATE ADDITIONS (SC-2024-02)

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| 2024-02/1 | <u>SPEAKERS BUSINESS</u> |
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https://zoom.us/j/95902116340 |
| 2024-02/2 | <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u> |
| 2024-02/3 | <u>PRESENTATION</u> |
| 2024-02/4 | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2024-02/5 | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2024-02/6 | <u>OPEN FORUM</u> |
| 2024-02/7 | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u> |

- 2024-02/8 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 2024-02/9 BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS
- 2024-02/9b **THIESSEN/ALHUSSAINY MOVE TO** approve Freedom of Expression First Principles.
See SC-2024-02.10
- 2024-02/10 GENERAL ORDERS
- 2024-02/11 CLOSED SESSIONS
- 2024-02/12 INFORMATION ITEMS
- 2024-02/12e Executive Report - President
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- 2024-02/12f Executive Report - VP External
See SC-2024-02.07
- 2024-02/12g Executive Report - VP Operations and Finance
See SC-2024-02.08
- 2024-02/12h Executive Report - VP Student Life
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- 2024-02/12i Students' Council Submissions
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Date: 05/21/2024

To: UASU Students' Council

Re: President's Report

Hello everyone! First of all, I want to thank you for putting your name forward and congratulations to those who were chosen to serve on committees. I can't wait to see what you all will do on committees as what you will accomplish this year. An overview of my and the VPs' efforts during the past two weeks is provided below!

General Notes of Issue (Ongoing)

The Exec team has been working to respond to and to understand the events of the morning of May 11th when EPS removed the University for Palestine protest encampment. We have been gathering information and are in ongoing communications with those involved. We signed onto the joint letter with NASA, GSA, and AASUA. We spoke to the media and I subsequently completed a radio interview. We continue to receive an unprecedented amount of emails about this situation. We aim for further dialogue regarding this situation and reiterate our commitment to student safety.

CAUS (May 8th-10th)

Met with the new board of CAUS and took part in the onboarding and transition process. Congratulations to new CAUS Chair Alric Reid (MacEwan) and Vice Chair Chantel Groening (Athabasca).

Alberta School Food Coalition/Community of Practice Meeting (May 13th)

Met with the Alberta School Food Coalition/Community of Practice. The involvement of UASU started when the CAUS Ed connected the universities of UofL, UofC, Athabasca and UofA university student councils with them to see if there was some synergy around Food Banks and our School Food group - which there definitely is. It is unclear how closely the university food banks have been working with them, but they say in the future there will be more opportunity for some cross pollination of, especially, the Public Health and Nutrition and Education domains.

These meetings in the past have included connections with the Food Bank, and further connections at U of A are in the works.

Radio Interviews (May 14th)

Was interviewed for [Alberta at Noon](#) and for [CHED](#) about the joint letter and the encampment clearing.

President Joint Meeting (May 15th)

Arranged a meeting with Admin in a joint request with NASA, GSA, and AASUA:

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Meeting again on the 22nd.

Regards,

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Lisa Glock

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Vice President External Abdul Abbasi Report#1 for Council

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Date: 05/21/2024

To: Students' Council

Re: Vice President External 2024/2025 Report #1

Dear Council,

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying how excited I am to be working with you all this year. This year, like many years past, will have its challenges and adventures, but I know we will work together and accomplish many things together this year.

I had a busy two weeks of conferences, and the executives were also working to respond to and understand the events of the morning of May 11, 2024.

CAUS Changeover:

Firstly, President Glock, former President Fotang, and former VP External Beasley and I attended the Council of Alberta University Students (CAUS) changeover conference in Canmore. Throughout the three days, we learned more about CAUS and discussed how to improve it moving forward. We also had an opportunity to share our platforms and the issues we ran on. During the conference, we also elected our new CAUS Chair and Vice-Chair. I am pleased to announce that Alric Reid, the VPX for the Student Association of MacEwan University, is the new CAUS Chair, and the Athabasca University Student Union President Chantel Groening is the new CAUS vice-chair. President Glock and I and the rest of the CAUS board are confident that Alric and Chantel will do a great job.

CASA Foundations:

I also attended the Canadian Association of Student Associations (CASA) Foundations conference in Ottawa. This five-day conference focused on giving newly elected student leaders nationwide a transition and overview of CASA, how federal advocacy works, and sharing the issues that matter to the students on our campus. Additionally, this conference enabled me to connect with our 24 SU/SAs nationwide. We had presentations on the landscape of federal politics, CASA's policy structure, and the National Indigenous Advocacy Committee. During our opening plenary, we are proud to welcome our University of Alberta Graduate Students' Association (UAlberta GSA) as a new member of CASA.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me by DM or email if you have any questions or would like to contribute to any of these initiatives.

Regards,

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Is there anything else that you would like to include?

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Date: 05/21/2024
To: Students' Council
Re: Council Report

VPOF Updates

Hey Council! Here's a little bit of what I've been doing since our last Council meeting on May 7th.

- **May 8th:** Sat in on a meeting between the General Manager and The Landing to hash out how the secession plan is going. Since The Landing had a successful referendum, they will become a wholly separate entity again once their new Dedicated Fee terms begin September 1st.
- **May 9th:** Attended a farewell ceremony for outgoing Chancellor Peggy Garritty. I thank her for her four years of service as Chancellor of the University of Alberta and everything she did to champion the needs of students during her tenure.
- **May 14th & 15th:** Had the introductory meetings for the two committees I sit on this year where a Chairperson was selected for both. Congrats to the newly elected Chair of Bylaw Committee (Business Councillor Owen Pasay), and to the newly elected Chair of Finance Committee (me).
- **May 15th:** Had the introductory meeting for the Gateway Student Journalism Society for the upcoming year where both the officers for the society (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) as well as members of their standing committees were selected.
- **May 16th:** Had a meeting of the U-Pass Administrative Committee - the internal committee comprised of members of the Students' Union, Graduate Students' Association and the university that discusses matters relating to U-Pass - ahead of the first of several monthly U-Pass meetings with the city ahead of next year's U-Pass renewal.
- **May 20th:** Flew to Montreal for the annual Studentcare Stakeholders meeting (details below).

Studentcare Stakeholders Meeting

This week, Renson and I are in Montreal to attend the ASEQ | Studentcare annual stakeholder meeting. As you may know, Studentcare is the administrator that acts as an intermediary between the Students' Union and our insurance provider; Green Shield Canada (and Desjardins before that).

This annual meeting brings together student leaders from across the country to share some relevant aspects of the work they do for us and to discuss some key areas impacting student health and wellness across the country. This also affords us a chance to share with them face-to-face what's happening on campus. The feedback shared at Stakeholder meetings in years past has been integral in shaping how Studentcare responds to changing student demands for services and coverage.

I flew out a day early to look around the Université de Montréal and Université du Québec à Montréal campuses, and will also do the same at Université Concordia and Université McGill after the stakeholders meeting before I return. There is only so much information you can glean from a website or emailing a counterpart at another institution so I'm hoping that seeing how their campuses operate first-hand in regards to student services provided can better inform what we do in regards to providing for our members as well.

À bientôt,

 

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SU VPSL Council Report #!

Description of the Information Item

Here's my first ever SU Council report!

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Date: 05/21/2024

To: Students Union Council

Re: Vice President Student Life Report #1

Hi Council,

It's been a hectic start in the office from my end with technology troubles in the office, countless emergency meetings over the university's response to the encampment on Quad as well regular meetings with other campus stakeholders all in the span of a few weeks. So here's my first ever SU Council report:

Hiring Assistant Dean (Community Wellness and Sexual Violence Supports)

I am currently involved in the hiring committee for this role that will be a part of the Dean of Students (DoS) and oversee the SAC. Students should have a say in this role as we will somehow be paying for this position. The committee should have a successful candidate sometime next month.

Lactating Station in SUB

Another win for us early into the term is that I have been able to secure a [mammova pod](#) that is wheelchair accessible and sanitary. This is worth ~\$22,500 and funded through past and current SU advocacy efforts by the Dean of Students. I will work with SU staff and DoS to find a suitable position for the pod.

Secured items from the Encampment on Quad

I was able to work alongside Carrie Smith (Vice Provost EDI) and James Allen ([UASSC](#)) to secure items that were taken from student protesters by EPS during the encampment. Shoutout to the SU staff for helping me unload and store the items in the Marigold room. We will ensure that all items are returned to their owners safely by the end of the week.

Ensuring Student Rights During Protests on Campus

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Alongside my fellow executives, we have put out statements condemning any violence committed against student protesters. The SU will continue working with university leadership to prevent future instances of violence and work to repair the harms committed. Many of the students impacted are strongly prioritizing their privacy. I have been in contact with some and have reached out to ask if they need support (e.g. mental health or legal resources). I have also started engaging with groups like the ISU, ISA, and campus associations at Augustana and CSJ to develop shared principles for moving forward.

Affirming Harm Reduction Practices at Week of Welcome (WOW)

In my short time in office, I have met with the SU folks leading implementation of WOW (Delane, Nigel, Craig) to ensure that we have substance free programming that is inclusive as well as volunteers that are trained in [ProServe](#). I met with the GSA VPSL to also ensure they have a tent with us and we maintain our collaborative relationship with graduate students.

Housing Stability Group

In this committee, we affirmed the need for the UofA Safe House program and the budget towards it. A key takeaway for me was to raise awareness on renters insurance as many students are unaware of this and end up losing all their belongings when their place goes up in flames. I am looking into bringing a renters insurance company to WOW village to raise awareness on this topic.

SU Early Learning Community Centre (near HUB Mall)

I have been admitted as a Board member to this committee to represent student interests. We passed the annual budget and reviewed the past year.

U-Pass Administration Committee

I will be reviewing the U-Pass agreement which will be up for renewal this year and hope to advocate for the pass to remain the same amount as it is. Transit safety data will be an issue I hope to bring up with the city as we enter negotiations.

Studentcare Conference (Montreal)

This week, I will be attending the Studentcare conference in Montreal as a stakeholder and representative for the SU. A key win that I have been able to secure is the increase of the Rexall Pharmacy Network discount from 10% to 20%, ensuring that students now have upto 95% coverage from the previous 85% on their purchases at Rexall. At this conference, I hope to raise the need for a "how to claim your student insurance" video in French and English for students.

SU Hiring Committees

I have been a part of the hiring committees for the Senior Manager, Student Services and Governance Support Specialist for the SU along with SU staff. Both these roles impact students and student leaders who are part of Safewalk, SU Council, Bike Library etc. and it is important to bring the student perspective when hiring a candidate.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renson Alva", with a horizontal line underneath.

Renson Alva

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Motion

THIESSSEN moves to approve Freedom of Expression First Principles.

Mover THIESSSEN

Second ALHUSSAINY

Presenter (If Not the Mover) THIESSSEN

Does this item require a closed session discussion?

Office/Committee Responsible Policy Committee

Purpose

To create a political policy regarding freedom of expression and academic freedom to guide the advocacy efforts of the University of Alberta Students' Union.

Executive Summary

The First Principles will guide the policy committee in the development of a political policy in regard to the promotion of freedom of expression and academic freedom.

Relevant Bylaws/Policies/Standing Orders

Bylaw 120.01.6

Engagement and Routing

Policy Committee

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Strategic Alignment

Empowering our students.

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Re: Freedom of Expression Political Policy First Principles

- 1) The University of Alberta Students' Union possesses a mandate from the *Post-Secondary Learning Act, 2003* and a duty to University of Alberta students to engage in “the promotion of the general welfare of the students consistent with the purposes of the public post-secondary institution” (93(4)).
- 2) The University of Alberta Students' Union Policy Committee seeks to promote and protect free speech rights of University of Alberta academic and instructional staff in the benefit of the learning of students.
- 3) The University of Alberta Students' Union Policy Committee seeks to promote and protect the free speech rights of University of Alberta students to the benefit of uplifting voices of the whole people.
- 4) The University of Alberta Students' Union Policy Committee shall create a political policy, named Freedom of Expression Political Policy, respecting the promotion of academic freedom and freedom of expression of University of Alberta students and staff.
- 5) The University of Alberta Students' Union's Freedom of Expression Political Policy shall incorporate resolutions respecting the promotion of academic freedom and freedom of expression of University of Alberta students and staff with respect to existing political policy.
- 6) The University of Alberta Students' Union's Freedom of Expression Political Policy shall incorporate resolutions respecting the promotion of academic freedom and freedom of expression of University of Alberta students and staff respecting provincial and federal law.